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## THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO TELEGRAPH STAMPS.

THESE interesting stamps of American (U. S.) Telegraph Companies, unlike the Telegraph Stamps of Europe, Asia, Africa, Oceanica and South America, were issued by a private corporation to facilitate the payment of telegrams and to accommodate their patrons. They were sold in *books* at $5 and $10, the $5 book containing some $6.25 worth, and the $10 book $11.25.

They were issued to the public on April 14th, 1885, four values, 1, 5, 10 & 25c., engraved by the American Bank Note Co. of N. Y, colored impression on *white wove* paper. Size 20 by 25 mm., perforated 10.

The general design is the same, being a *horizontal* lined Maltese Cross, lighter at the top, bearing on its center a solid *label*, framed with ornaments, and in the label the block letters "B. & O." in white; the cross is in a solid square, framed on *dexter**, *base* and *sinister*† by a beveled, shaded band, at the center, on sides, in five white *bands sinister*, the center having three solid dots on it. In upper corners is a curved *greek* ornament, and at *top center* two vertical bands, solid, containing twelve white pearls and horizontally shaded bands; framing, a solid panel, containing numeral of value in white, (on the 1c. there is three white horizontal lines at each side of the numeral of value; and on the five cent four vertical white pearls.) At the base of *center* frame an *Assyrian ornament*, under which is a solid label framed with a beveled frame, ornamented at base with five rayed ornaments, the label contains the word "*Commutation*" in white block letters. All on beveled shield.

### 1ST ISSUE.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1c. vermilion | (C. C. 120) | perf. | 10, | type | S. C. 18 | April 14th, '85 |
| 5c. blue | " 43 | " | " | " | | |
| 10c. puce | " 91 | " | " | " | | |
| 25c. orange | " 5 | " | " | " | | |

Same reissued but with book *number*, surcharged on bottom of Maltese Cross in colors, red and blue.

### 2ND ISSUE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1c. vermilion | (C. C. 120) | surcharged in | blue, | ty. 18. |
| 5c. blue | " 43 | " | red, | June 1st, 1885. |
| 10c. puce | " 91 | " | blue, | August 1st, 1885. |
| 25c. orange | " 5 | " | " | Sept. 25th, 1885. |

A complimentary frank was issued with the reissue by the same Bank Note Co. engraved, impression on white wove paper, the central design being the same. Date "1885" being vertical on each side in color on white tablets near top, under it is three white bands and two bands of white pearls, at top in arched solid label is the word "FRANK" in white letters, with white pearl at each end, framed by bevelled frame, square ends. Shaded shell like ornament under it having the word "No." on solid oblong. Below center on horizontal lined ground in *script* is "D. N. Bates *Priest.*" the word "*Prest*" being at the lower dexter side. Under the signature in solid label, fancy frame, is the word "COMPLIMENTARY" in white block letters, all on beveled shield, perf. 10, size 25 by 31. Frank No. at top of Maltese cross. 1885, ty. 19.

No value, brown, (C. C. 81.) dated, surcharged in blue, (††5c. black on buff, Conn. River Commutation. Same size.) Same design.

### 3RD ISSUE.

Made by the Kendall Bank Note Co., N. Y., C., same design as 1st issue. All surcharged in carmine.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Large size. | 1c. green, | (C. C. 22.) | on thick paper. | | |
| | 5c. blue, | ( " 44.) | " " | } | Oct. 12th, 1885. |
| | 10c. chocolate, | " 80.) | " " | | |
| | 25c. ochre, | ( " 1.) | " " | | Oct. 25th, 1885. |

Complimentary Frank, made by American Bank Note Co. (same as 1885.) No value, black on white, dated 1886, surcharged in red., Jan. 1st, 1886, type 19.

Type 18. VARIETY OF KENDELL.

25c. orange, (C. C. 5), surcharged in red with letters and figures, small surcharge (T. 2603) on an *oiled* thick paper. (Rare.) Feb. 1st, 1886.

Same as 3rd issue on thin paper, and surcharged as variety.

### 4TH ISSUE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1c. green | (C. C. 23) | surcharged in red. | } | type 18. |
| 5c. blue | ( " 43) | " " | | |
| 10c. amber | ( " 85) | " " | | Feb. 20th, 1886. |
| 25c. orange | ( " 5) | " " | | |

### 5TH ISSUE.

Litho. A. Hoen & Co., Baltimore.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1c. green | (C. C. 23.) | surcharged in red. | } | type 18. |
| 5c. blue | ( " 43.) | " " | | |
| 5c. blue | ( " 41.) | " " | | Jan. 1st, 1817. |
| 10c. umber | ( " 85.) | " " | | |
| 10c. " | ( " 87.) | " " | | |

The Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company was submerged by the Western Union, on Oct, 15th, 1887, and the stamps withdrawn.

†† This stamp I have never seen, and the company deny its existence, but Mr. Sterling told me he had seen one.

* To right, † to left.

A. PALETTE.

## A PHILATELIC CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

### THE CONNELL STAMP.

(*Concluded from last month.*)

(*Copy No. 11.*)

MEMORANDUM for the Executive Council.

His Excellency the Lt.-Governor lays before the Executive Council a copy of a further communication, dated June 15th, 1860, which His Excellency has received from Mr. C. Connell, respecting his recent resignation of his seat at the Council Board, and of the office of Postmaster General.

(Sgd.) J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON.

June 15th, 1860.

(*Copy No. 12.*)

Letter from Mr. C. Connell to the Lt.-Governor.

*To His Excellency The Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, Lt.-Gov., &c., &c.*

SIR,—The Royal Gazette of the 6th inst., contains a memoranda intended as a reply to my letter of the 30th ult. to Your Excellency, in which your advisers exhibit a great anxiety to impress on the mind of Your Excellency that the only cause of my resignation of the office of Postmaster General was the refusal of the Council to advise Your Excellency to order the issue of the 5c. stamps. I have in my previous letters to Your Excellency, stated some of the many reasons forming the basis of my conclusion to resign, and to repeat that I was not influenced in my course altogether by the stamp question, I consider unnecessary that matter merely having had the effect of bringing my previous intention to its fulfilment, for sooner or later my resignation must have been tendered. I will however, say, that the usage I did receive at the hands of my colleagues, in reference to the stamps, would have been sufficient to cause such action as I took upon the premises.

The correspondence between myself and the Provincial Secretary, with reference to the issue of the Postage Stamps, laid before Your Excellency, either has not had a careful perusal or else they are in ignorance of the meaning conveyed by such correspondence.

I was first authorized to procure the stamps and stated on the floor of the House in March last that "I had ordered and would receive on time for distribution on the 1st of May, stamps of the denomination of 1, 5, 10 & 12½c., in view of the introduction of the decimal system of currency." They arrived, and preparations for their issue at the appointed time were made by the Department, supposing that any further orders were unnecessary, until I received the telegram from the Provincial Secretary, and subsequent interference on the parts of your advisers, in what was a mere matter of detail, became apparent. An order to issue all but five cent stamps was made, thus setting aside my power and right to conduct even a minor arrangement of the Department. After having procured, by the knowledge

and consent of the Government, stamps of various denominations, my position as head of a department was ignored. Even if this was the only circumstance influencing me, my course was the only honorable one to pursue.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

CHARLES CONNELL.

This finishes this most remarkable correspondence and chapter in the postal history of New Brunswick.

A careful reading and consideration of the letters here given will show the impossibility of there ever having been any of the Connell stamps used to pay the postage of a letter, although an inference to the contrary may be drawn from Nos, 5 and 9, being the letters of the Executive Council, but this is due I think to loose writing, or probably meaning that they were in the hands of the Post Office Department for distribution. Against this we see the telegrams to Connell forbidding the issue; three days before they were to start sending them to postmasters, and his telegram to Hale, the Secretary of the P. O. Department of N. B., at Fredericton, forbidding him to send out any of the stamps. In my opinion the Connell is undoubtedly not a postage stamp, but a rare essay only. As a fitting end to this I may add the official account of the money paid for the making of the cent issue of New Brunswick.

| NAME. | PARTICULARS. | AMOUNT. | AMOUNT. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Engraving plate for "One Cent" Postage Stamps... | £ 25 0 0 | |
| | Printing 2000 sheets of " " ... | 12 15 0 | £ 37 15 0 |
| | Engraving plate for "Five Cent," (Connell) do..... | 25 0 0 | |
| | Printing 5000 sheets " " " .... | 31 15 0 | 56 15 0 |
| | Engraving plate for "Ten Cent" " .... | 25 0 0 | |
| | Printing 2000 sheets " " .... | 12 10 0 | 37 10 0 |
| | Engraving plate for "Twelve & half ct." " .... | 25 0 0 | |
| | Printing 4000 sheets of do. " .... | 25 0 0 | 50 0 0 |
| | Engraving plate for "Seventeen Cent" " .... | 25 0 0 | |
| | Printing 1000 sheets of do. " .... | 6 5 0 | 31 5 0 |
| | Engraving plate for "Five Cent" " .... | 25 0 0 | |
| | Printing 5000 sheets of do " .... | 31 5 0 | 56 5 0 |
| | | | £268 15 0 |

This was for the first lot sent. There were however several other supplies got before the confederation of the British North American Provinces.

DONALD A. KING.

## AN INTERNATIONAL REPLY STAMP.

(*A Paper read in the Philatelic Association of Goteborg, Sweden, by Albert Hallbery.*)

IN all countries of the Postal Union which have issued a reply post card, it has proved of great use, and been a benefit and accommodation to the public, as very often information in other countries is desired, which could not reasonably be expected without return postage was sent, especially when the parties are in the largest number of cases strangers to each other. The reply card however, is only practicable for short correspondence and replies and not at all for lengthy enquiries.

There is no doubt that the mode of enclosing a postage stamp for an answer in each country's own borders is more frequently resorted to, than using the reply card. Whereas addressing a person in a foreign country and asking for information either of a private nature or occupying to much space for a post card, or wishing to have a letter or manuscript that may have been sent returned, the only way to shew such person your good intention would be to enclose a 20 ore stamp, which in all cases would be of no value, and thereby rendering the obligation to return void. That there is no provision made for sending a letter with a paid answer to a foreign country seems a sort of gap in the Postal Departments, and a gap which is widening more and more as the increasing correspondence shews from year to year.

What is wanted is a reply postage stamp, and the following suggestion is one which might give some idea how such an arrangement might be effected. Each country in the Postal Union issue a new stamp shewing thereon the name of the country, its intention and value, printed in its own language, and also in that of the Postal Union, in Sweden the stamp could be called "Svarmarke," and the inscription thereon be something like this, "Sverige," "Suede," "Frimake for Svart" and "Timbre pour la reponse," or somewhat like the cut represented here.

A letter posted with such a stamp would secure its delivery to the issuing country of such stamp For instance, if a letter posted here in Sweden with such a stamp enclosed, it could be used to prepay a letter back to Sweden but to no other country.

If these stamps were made to correspond with the value necessary to carry letters from one country to another in the Postal Union, as Sweden 20 ore, England 2½ pence = 18¾ ore, France 25 centimes = 18 ore, Austria 18 Kr. = 16, &c., &c., there would be some room for defrauding the postal

revenue, by consigning one country's reply stamps to another country with a little higher rate, and use such instead of such countries' legitimate stamps. Persons living in Sweden having a large correspondence with Austria could get his supply of Austrian reply stamps to prepay his letters to that country and thereby cheat to some extent the Swedish postal revenue. The chances for such abuse could easily be averted by making the reply stamp a little higher than the usual rate of postage, as in Sweden 25 ore, Germany 25 pf. England 3 pence, etc. Regarding the counterfeiting of such stamps there would of course be some room left for such a purpose, as it is difficult for any post office official to detect a bogus stamp of another country, although this counterfeiting is done it could be righted by having the stamps executed by a first-class workman, and done so well that counterfeiters could not imitate it. Another argument against it might be that one country may possibly gain by another country's loss, but if so it should be born in mind that a difference in this respect would not be of any great consequence, considering the convenience the Governments of the civilized world would have by introducing this much needed stamp.—(*Translated from Tidning for Frimarksamlare by Theo. Larsen.*)

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HALIFAX, N. S., 14TH AUGUST, 1888.

*To the Editor of the "Halifax Philatelist."*

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly give me space in your valuable journal to reply briefly to editorials that have appeared in the columns of the "Mohawk Standard" *alias* the "Collectors' Standard?" This is a sheet that is nominally published "in the interests (?) of collectors" but it is evidently printed in the interests of one C. E. Fraser, M. D., (?) formerly of Lec Centre, N. Y., but now, as I am reliably informed, of Rome in the same state. The intentions of its publication is to further and screen the schemes of said Fraser to obtain goods from unsuspecting dealers without paying for them. It gives in its last issue as a reason for being published that it may tell Fraser's story in regard to his dealings with me. Surely not a good reason except as proving its own unreliable and scurrilous character.

The "Mohawk Standard" in its last number changes its name to the "Collectors' Standard," and announces that its editor, proprietor, etc., has disposed of his stock of stamps, etc., to some one else. This is so evidently an effort to evade an action for libel that I have instructed my counsel to enter and push that no comment is needed.

Referring to an alleged "confidential" communication which it prints purporting to have been received from one J. G. Bingham, of New York City, and bearing date of the 26th of March, 1887, I remark that he sets himself up as an expert numismatic authority, and delivers himself of a lot of nonsense regarding the Halifax Tokens. A matter concerning which he evidently knows nothing, as the letter itself proves that he has not taken the trouble to learn the facts in any way. Yet he talks of such absurdities as brilliant proofs on one side only, restrikes, rusty dies, etc. Such assurance is sublime especially that the truth in this case is not difficult to reach.

The last number of this delectably unreliable journal presents to its readers an editorial under the heading "Touching a Tender Cord.—Truth is not Libel," and then proceeds to cram as many falsehoods into the article as the space occupied by it could hold.

The editor, C. D. Smith, is getting more cautious in that, before publishing a letter, he makes an affidavit that it was received by him, but he takes care *not* to swear that it was written or composed by his alleged correspondent!

Having heard a good deal about this matter of the Halifax Steam Ferry Tokens I desire to say that I am *always* ready to maintain the position and standing as a collector, which I have had since 1859, and as a dealer during the last fifteen years, in both of which capacities I am favorably known throughout the world. I will spare no effort in this matter to prove beyond question the genuine character of all the Halifax Steam Ferry Company's Tokens that I have ever offered or disposed of, whether used, or brilliant uncirculated.

In furtherance of this object I submit to you the accompanying documents and request you to publish them.

We shall now see whether C. E. Fraser, M. D., (?) is the honorable man that his organ tries to make him out to be.

Thanking you for the space that I have taken up with this affair,

I remain,

Respectfully yours,

HENRY HECHLER.

*No. I.*

AFFIDAVIT OF CHARLES MUNRO.

I Charles F. Munro, of Dartmouth, in the County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia, Ticket Agent for the Halifax and Dartmouth Steam Ferry Company, do hereby solemnly declare that the ferry tokens obtained from me by Henry Hechler of Halifax, on or about the tenth day of December, A. D. 1886 and in the month of January, A. D. 1888 were and are genuine original ferry tokens issued by the old steamboat company. They were all given to me by the former agent of the company from the original stock remaining on hand when the affairs of the late company were wound up or in process of transfer to the present company.

I have been in the employ of the said companies—old and new—for upwards of fourteen years.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientously believing it to be true and by virtue of the Act of the Parliament of Canada for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths.

Solemnly declared before me by the said Charles F. Munro to be just and true, on the seventh day of August, A. D. 1888. (Signed) Benjamin Russell, J. P. and Stipendiary Magistrate, Town of Dartmouth.

(Signed) Charles F. Munro.

*No. II.*

CERTIFICATE OF CAPT. MACKENZIE, LATE MANAGER OLD H. & D. S. F. COMPANY.

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, 8th August, 1888.

I hereby certify that I have read the declaration (dated the seventh day of August instant) of Charles F. Munro, Ticket Agent of the Halifax and Dartmouth Steam Ferry Company, respecting the ferry tokens and that the statements therein set forth are true.

G A. MACKENZIE,
Late Managing Agent of the Old Halifax
and Dartmouth Steam Ferry Company.

*Witness*, J. R. Johnson.

*No. III.*

AFFIDAVIT OF HENRY HECHLER.

I, Henry Hechler, of the City and County of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, Dominion of Canada, trader, do hereby solemnly declare that all the ferry tokens sold or offered for sale by me, whether in a brilliant, bright, uncirculated or used condition were obtained from Charles F. Munro, of Dartmouth in this County, Ticket Agent for the Halifax and Dartmouth Steam Ferry Company whose declaration is attached to this.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientously believing the same to be true under and by virtue of the Act of the Parliament of Canada for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths.

Solemnly declared before me by the said Henry Hechler to be just and true, this seventh day of August, A. D. 1888. (Signed) Robt. Motton, J. P. and Stipendiary Magistrate for the City of Halifax.

(Signed) Henry Hechler.

## CHRONICLE.

**Argentine Republic.**—A 15c. envelope has been issued, blue on white laid paper, 141 by 114 mm. The stamp has head of Gen Paz in oval. A curious letter card with reply is also in use. These are two cards of different sizes, held together by a metallic thread. The first card is 127 by 50 m m., and the second 114 by 74 mm. The stamp is of the same type as that on the 4c. card, but with figures in the corners, 1½+1½c., red on white. The smaller card is of course inside of the other. There is a new 4c. letter card with effigy in a different frame, and the card is rayed in brown of the color of the stamp.

**Austria.**—It is not the 5s. and 5+5s. cards that have been surcharged, but the 5k. and 5+5k. They are surcharged 20 para, and 20+20 para. The 10kr. letter card, blue on gray, is surcharged "1 piaster 1."

**Cauca.**—We have received the oddest looking stamp which we have seen, consisting merely of the letters S. P, in monogram. It is accompanied by a mass of extracts from the records of the Provincial Government, which tend to prove that in 1879 a first issue of one hundred stamps was made,

bearing as a design the arms of the province. That a second issue of two hundred and fifty was subsequently made with the initials S. P. in the monogram enclosed within colored lines, and a third of five hundred has since been made of the same design, but without the colored lines, the sheet being ruled in pencil horizontally to show where the monogram is to be stamped. It is said that the sheet of stamps consisted of one hundred and eight, the whole issue was consequently four sheets and a bit. No value is attached to the stamp but some of the second issue had 5 in the angles. It is said the initials are those of Solomon Posso, chief of the province of Chico, in the Department of Cauca, and that the stamps were authorized by the state for the use of mails on the river Atrato. We do not think it necessary to give copies of the decrees, etc. referring to these so called stamps. Our correspondent says he has specimens of the first and second issues attached to the original envelopes.—*Phil. Record.*

**Colombia.**—There is a 20c. lilac of the map type.

**Cuba.**—10c. blue cut in halves diagonally and used for 5c.

**Dutch Indies.**—The 1c. envelope is of white paper and not yellowish

**Great Britain.**—The ½d. vermilion is surcharged "I R. Official."

**Hungary.**—There is a little card 35kr., dark blue on buff, headed "Magyar Kir. posta es tavirda," etc. The stamp is of the new type.

**Martinique.**—*Le T. P.* says the new 15 on 20c has the 15 followed by C., and this has also been surcharged on the 4c. by *error*. Only 50 copies existing.

**Peru.**—*The Ph. R.* has the 2c. on the 5c. post card with surcharge blue black.

**Philippine Islands.**—The same Journal notes the 30 mil., pale bistre of current type.

**Puttialla.**—The ½ anna green with red oval surcharge has "Service" in the native characters printed in black.

**Salvador.**—The *Ph. J. of A.* has information that the new 5c. stamp will soon be issued, also new 5c. envelopes. Furthemore new issues have been ordered in New York, of 1c., 2c., 20c.. 50c. 100c.

**Tunis.**—The Regency of Tunis having entered the Postal Union, July 1st, stamps have been issued. The Arms are in the center under an arch, "Poste" above and "Regence de Tunis" below. Between the first and second words large figure of value. 1c. black on blue, 2c. brown on straw, 5c. green on green, 15c. blue on gray, 25c. black on rose, 40c. vermilion on yellow, 75c. carmine on rose, 5fir. violet on pale lilac. The cards, 10c. and 10+10c.; letter cards 15c. and 25c., and envelopes 5c. and 15c. are similar to those of France.

**United States.**—Mr. Mekeel has shown us a 2c. envelope, No. 5 amber, printed from a defective die in which the letter A is omitted from the word Postage."

**Venezuela.**—The 50c. and 1 Bolivar (Correos) have appeared lithographed and rouletted.

## NOTES.

THE reprinted French stamps are commencing to come on the market, as we see some of the rarer ones offered unused at moderate prices as compared with the catalogue ones. The French Government have reprinted *all the stamps ever issued* by them for the mother country or for the colonies, and they can be bought from their official agents at their *face value*. The reprints can be told from the originals, in nearly every case by the brightness of the colors, and by the gums which on the reprints is white and on the originals of a grayish color.

Collectors should be on their guard and not buy those stamps. The French dealers are trying to unload considerable of it on this side of the water.

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THE "*Philatelic Gazette*" for June makes a highly sensible suggestion, and that is that the philatelic papers would be doing a much more useful thing in having the Registration fee of the U. S. cut, than kicking about custom duties on foreign stamps. The rate is simply absurd for any country that has such a postal system as the U. S, although those at the head of its postal administration do not think so. When Canada cut the Registration rate to U. S. they kicked immediately, saying that owing to the increase of Registered letters from Canada, that their clerks could not handle them. It is a pity that the Canadian P. O. Department was weak enough to change the rate to 5c. again. It is a certainty that the average collector and dealer finds the Registration fee much heavier than he does the duty on foreign stamps.

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THE "*Stamp Collector*" is a new venture in the philatelic line, the first one is very readable, and we wish the publishers every success in their efforts to run a philatelic newspaper which they say it is their intention to do.

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MR. HARTE ought to give us a more definite date for his "History of Canadian Stamps." We would then know how long we would have to wait.

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THE United States P.O. Department have done a very good act in placing their high value envelopes on sale to the public. We see by the *Philatelic Gazette* they have done so.

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WE are glad to be able to reassure our philatelic friend, the Editor of the "Stamp" and hope to rebuild his childhood's belief in the portraits on the Canada 6 pence and 10 pence. We had no idea when the article was published that we should accomplish such a useful work.

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WE intend publishing a series of papers on the Telegraph Stamps of the United States by A. Palette, whose manual of the Technical terms of Philately was published in the *Philatelic Gazette*. It is opened this month

by the stamps of the Baltimore and Ohio Company. We also expect an article on Canadian philatelic literature from an authority on that subject in a month or two.

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MR. G. H. RICHMOND has our thanks for the copy of the American Philatelic Press Directory sent us. It is complete of its kind. He should have given the addresses of the various foreign journals which he lists.

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A MISTAKE was made in the July No. of this paper, a short paragraph was set up with the article on South Australian Official Surcharges. The paragraph should read "Many of the values of the West Australian stamps are found instead of "Many of the values of the South Australian stamps are also found."

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THE Havana, Cuba, post office apparently ran out of 5c. stamps about the end of July, as the entire mail from that place for Nova Scotia was received at the Halifax P. O. with 10c. stamps cut in halves and used as five cent ones. Amongst the dates of the postmarks were July 25, 26 and 27th; through New York, July 31st, and Halifax, Aug. 2nd.

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WE very readily give space to Mr. Hechler in which he vindicates his character which has been recklessly attacked. For our part, having been long personally acquainted with him we never doubted his word and we are glad that he is in a position to remove any doubts that strangers might have.

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OWING to the warm weather and none attendance of members no meetings were held on the 9th and 30th July. In this number is published the first report of our Exchange Superintendent. The thanks of the Association are due Mr. Kaye for the excellent manner in which he has filled the position, especially as it is anything but an easy one.

D. A. KING,
*Secretary.*

## REPORT OF MANAGER OF THE EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA IN CONNECTION WITH THE C. P. A.

ON the 1st March I commenced sending sheets to the C. P. A., up to 1st July I sent 77 sheets, containing stamps to the value of $318.51. Of these 77 sheets, 47 have gone their circuit and have been returned to me. The original value of them was $249.54, and of the amount $105.63 has been retained by the parties on the different circuits, leaving $143.91 on the 47 sheets returned. There are still 30 sheets out which contain stamps to value of $68.97, and judging by the amounts taken off the other sheets, I think that we can safely count on about $25 more being taken, which will make about $130 to our credit, less 5% commission deducted for the C. P. A. Superintendent. Against this we have received 13 books and boxes, value $507.31, from which we have removed stamps to value of $67.94, leaving a balance in our favor of about $55, which will be forwarded to me by the Superintendent as soon as accounts are squared.

I think that we have therefore every reason to congratulate ourselves on our first dealings with the C. P. A. Exchange Department, and also that it shows on the whole that the members of the N. S. P. Association must have larger collections and much better stamps than the majority of collectors throughout the Dominion.

I would like to impress on all the members of our Association the necessity of passing the exchange book through our hands as quickly as possible. With but two exceptions this has been fairly well done. When books are detained over time by members it makes it very awkward for me, and I do not wish to impose a fine, but I will have to do this in future if the books are detained. I hope that in future the members will endeavour to do all in their power to make the exchange branch run smoothly. Mr. Grenny informs me that he will not send out any more books until the 1st of September, but will receive sheets as usual, and in future, I propose to send sheets to him three times a month, on the 1st, 10th and 20th.

And now gentlemen hoping my next report will be as favourable as this, I have the honor to be yours truly.

FRANK C. KAYE,
*Exchange Manager N. S. P. Association.*

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THE August number of the *American Journal of Philately* gives a large instalment of its catalogue of postal cards illustrated by cuts of the cards reduced in size. This paper is now in typography and illustrations ahead of anything in the philatelic line in America.

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THE *Philatelic Journal of America* for this month contains nothing but an instalment of Major Evans' Catalogue and a few Convention notes. The company which owns it has not improved the contents any.

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Stamp, Vol. I, Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12; Vol. II, Nos. 3, 10.
Stamp World, No. 1 to 40, 43, 46 to 57, 59 and any after No. 70.
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